

AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Please add the following section immediately following the Title:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the US national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of international application no. PCT/IL03/000973, filed November 17, 2003, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a)-(d) and 365(b) to Israeli application no. 152900, filed November 17, 2002.

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 23 – 25, with the following amended paragraph:

Rhodobacteriochlorin: tetracyclic 7,8,17,18-tetrahydroporphyrin having a —CH₂CH₂COOH group at position 17, a —COOH at position 13, methyl groups at positions 2, 7, 12, **[[8]] 18**, and ethyl groups at positions 3 and 8.

At page 20, please replace the paragraph at lines 31 – 33 with the following amended paragraph

(ii) Palladium bacteriopheophorbide (Pd-Bpheid, **[[2]] 3**) was either prepared as previously described (WO 00/33833) or it was obtained from Steba Biotech Ltd. through Negma-Lerads, France.